Business and Cooperative Programs Success Stories/Best Practices

State: Louisiana

Success Story – Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program

Name of Borrower Sunset Community Store, Inc.

Name of Lender Bank One, N.A.

Name of Project Sunset Community Store, Inc.

City and State Sunset, Louisiana

Program Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program

Amount \$1,681,680

Date Obligated September 15, 2003 Date Closed October 12, 2004

Congressional Representation Senators: Landrieu and Vitter

Congressman: Boustany (District 7)

Description of Project USDA Rural Development, issued a Loan Note

Guarantee to Bank One, N.A., in Lafayette, Louisiana. The guaranteed financing was used to construct an 18,000 square-foot supermarket, and purchase machinery and equipment, as well as

additional inventory. Shoppers throughout south St. Landry Parish now enjoy improved services, insuring immediate success of this USDA Rural Development investment. The project is located in the Lower Mississippi Delta Special Emphasis area

and will create 20 new jobs and save 45.